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Title: SURFACE TREATMENT FOR PRINTING APPLICATIONS USING  
WATER-BASED INK

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 31, 2003 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the October 31, 2003 Office Action is due November 31, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-11 of Group I drawn to method of treating surfaces.

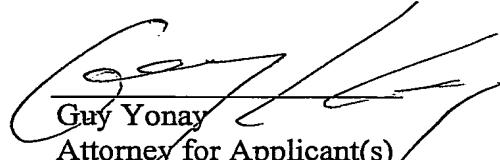
Claims 12-29 of Group II, drawn to a composition for swelling a coating from a metal substrate, is withdrawn at this time.

Applicants reserve all rights in these non-elected claims, claims 12-29, to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments as to this response, the undersigned may be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

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